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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM SECSTATE WASHDC DATED MARCH 5, 1974
SENT ACTION BANGKOK IS REPEATED TO YOU: QUOTE

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THE FOL TEL FOM TEHRAN DATED FEB 27, 1974
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IS REPTED:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 1594
EXDIS
ACTING SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: LJS
TAGS: ENRG, IR
SUBJECT: DEBATE OVER OIL SHIPMENTS TO U.S.

1. RESPONDING TO FEO CHIEF SIMON'S COMMENTS FEBRUARY 15
REGARDING SHAH'S STATEMENT ABOUT OIL SHIPMENTS TO U.S.
LOCAL PAPAERS THIS MORNING HEADLINE AP INTERVIEW WITH
PRIMIN HOVEYDA TO EFFECT QTE SIMONS IS TALKING THROUGH
HIS HAT UNQTE. AS EVIDENCE HOVEYDA CITES STATEMENT
ALLEGEDLY MADE BY SIMON TO LONDON FINANCIAL TIMES ON
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DECEMBER 27, QTE THERE WAS A LEAKAGE IN THE ARAB OIL
EMBARGO WORTH 700,000 BARRELS A DAY TO U.S. DURING MONTH
ENDING DECEMBER 7 UNQTE.

2. WE FEEL STRONGLY THERE IS NOTHING TO BE GAINED BY
DEBATING THIS ISSUE IN THE HEADLINES. THIS TYPE OF PUBLIC
VERBAL EXCHANGE WILL INEVITABLY BECOME DAMAGING IF IT IS
PERMITTED TO CONTINUE. WE URGE ALL APPROPRIATE USG
OFFICIALS REFRAIN FROM FURTHER COMMENTS ON SHAH'S STATE-
MENT OR HOVEYDA'S REJOINDER. WE SHOULD ATTEMPT TO TAKE
DISCUSSION OF THE MANY IMPORTANT ENERGY ISSUES OUT OF
THE NEWSPAPERS AND INTO SUITABLE PRIVATE CHANNELS.
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